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SUBJECT: GOJ PERMITS PRG DELEGATES ENTRY FOR SVN PEACE COMMITTEE

MEETING

REF: A. TOKYO 9977

B. TOKYO 10996

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SUMMARY: GOJ HAS DECIDED TO LET TWO PRG REPS INTO JAPAN FOR
JAPAN-VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP ASSN ANNIVERSARY. ALTHOUGH DECISION
MAINTAINS THEORETICAL DISTINCTION GOJ DRAWS BETWEEN "POLITICAL"
AND "NON-POLITICAL" NATURE OF PRG APPLICATINS FOR ENTRY, WE
SUSPECT GOJ HOPES LENIENCY IN CURRENTDECISION MAY NUDGE DRV-
JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. END SUMMARY.
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1. JUSTICE MINISTRY DECIDED SEPT 21 TO PERMIT TWO PRG
REPS TO ENTER JAPAN FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN-VIETNAM
FRIENDSHIP ASSN SEPT 28-29. REPS ARE NGYEN VAN THANH, VICE
CHAIRMAN OF "SVN PEACE COMMITTEE" AND PRG AMBASSADOR TO
MOSCOW, AND DANG MING TREIT, AND "EDUCATIONIST", ALSO RESIDENT
IN MOSCOW. VISIT WILL BE SECOND FORPRG, FIRST BEING PER-
MISSION FOR PRG TABEL TENNIS TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN ASIAN TT
MEET IN APRIL. JUSTICE MINISTRY REPORT SAID "PERMISSION
WOULD BE RECINDED IF REPS INTERFERED IN JAPAN'S INTERNAL
"POLITICS" DURING THEIR TWO-WEEK STAY.

2. FONOFF FIRST DEASIA DEP DIRECTOR KAZUHARA TOLD
US GOJ WOULD NOT PUT VISAS IN PRG PASSPORTS BUT WOULD ISSUE
SEPARATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS AS WAS DONE WITH PRG ATHELETES.
THANH, WHO IS BEING ADMITTED INCAPACITY AS "PEACE COMMITTEE
VICE CHAIRMAN", AND TRIET WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO "TAKE
OATH" NOT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DURING VISIT.
KAZUHARA SAID VISIT IS FOR HUMANITATIAN PURPOSES SINCE
VISITORS WILL SEEK "HUMANITARIAN ASSIATANCE" FOR INDOCHINA.

3. GVN EMBASSY, WHICH WAS NOT INFORMED OF REQUEST FOR
ENTRY PRIOR TO JUSTICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT, FORMALLY REQUESTED
GOJ TO RECONSIDER DECISION.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT GOJ WILL RECONSIDER. GOJ REJECTED
REQUEST FOR THANH TO VISIT JAPAN TO ATTEND JULY 31 "BAN
BOMB" CONFERENCE, WHICH GOJ CONSIDERED AS POLITICAL MEETING
(REF A). KAZUHARA INSISTED CURRENT DECISION REPRESENTED NO
POLICY CHANGE. DECISION MAINTAINS THEORETICAL DISTINCTION GOJ
DRAWS BETWEEN THOSE ALLOWED AND THOSE NOT ALLOWED FROM
"NON-RECOGNIZED" AREAS SUCH AS PRG, BY LABELLING VISIT
"HUMANITARIAN" AND "NON-POLITICAL." DISTINCTION APPEARS
LARGELY ARBITRARY, AND WE SUSPECT THT GOJ IS ATTEMPTING
TO GIVE DRV-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS (REF B) A SLIGHT NUDGE BY BEING
MORE LENIENT IN THIS CASE THAN IN PREVIOUS ONE.

5. FACT VISIT COINCIDES WITH IPU CONFERENCE ALSO
GIVES CAUSE FOR SCRUTINY. EVEN THOUGH KAZUHARA SEEMED CONFIDENT
THQT PRG REPS WOULD NOT BE TROUBLESOME REGARDING IPU AND WE
ASSUME GOJ WILL RESTRAIN PRG REPS FROM BALATANT POLITICAL
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ACTIVITY, EFFORTS BY THANH AND TRIET TO UNDERMINE GVN POSITION
IN IPU WOULD SEEM PROBABLE. END COMMENT.
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